

## San Marino, Huntington Library, HM 00136

*Description:* ff. 158 - Bound, s. XIX, in ¾ English diced russia with marbled boards and endpapers; stains from 2 earlier fore edge clasps on outer leaves; on former pastedowns, stains from wooden boards of a previous binding. - Twice the name of John Leche, s. XV exeunte or s. XVI ineunte appears, possibly by the same person who copied arts. 1 and 4: on front flyleaf iii, "Liber Johannis Leche"; on back flyleaf i, "Liber Johannis Leche de Wico Malbano in Com. Cestr." (Nantwich, Cheshire). Other books owned by this and later John Leches are: Oxford, Trinity College 13, 14, 16a and 49; Sotheby's, 12 December 1966, lot 216; London, Brit. Lib. Add. 41321; Sotheby's, 6 December 1971, lot 14. A series of scribbles in the same sixteenth century hand in the upper margins of every few leaves throughout the book often contains the name of Dorothy Helbarton: e.g. f. 50, "Thys ys Dorethe helbartun Boke And she wyll apon ym loke"; f. 85, "Mystrys barnarde gave her this boke"; f. 106, "Who gave her thys mare her mother"; f. 120, "Loke on thys boke and tell me woes yt ys turne over and loke"; f. 121, "mystrys dorethe I tell the." Other sixteenth century notes: back flyleaf vii verso, "Franciscus Dorington huius liber possessor legitimus"; back flyleaf viii verso, birth notices of Arthur Cole (27 November 1519) and Ursula Cole (10 March 1521). Seventeenth century owners: front flyleaves iii and iv, "Joseph Sond"; front flyleaf vi, "Will Persall"; f. 1, "George Culcheth his Booke 1666" and "1681 J. Bagnalls." A large "No. (5)" occurs on front flyleaf iii and back flyleaf viii verso. Thorpe catalogue (1836) lot 252; Sir Thomas Phillipps' name and the date 1858 on front flyleaf iii; his MS 8858. Acquired privately by Henry E. Huntington through A. S. W. Rosenbach in 1923. - C. W. Dutschke with the assistance of R. H. Rouse et al., Guide to Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts in the Huntington Library (San Marino, 1989). De Ricci, 56.

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*Number of Parts:* 2 - *Number of Images Available:* 0

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*Language:* Latin *English Country:* England *Century:* 15th 16th

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### Part 1: ff. 1-158v

*Description:* - Parchment - 190 x 286 mm - 1-19<sup>8</sup> 20<sup>8</sup>(-7, 8). Catchwords underlined in brown ink, and on f. 24v in red ink; quires and leaves signed in letters and roman numerals. 42-39 long lines (44 on ff. 156v-158), frame ruled in dry point, but in ink on ff. 9-16 (quire 2) and ff. 17 and 24v (outer side of outer bifolium of quire 3).

*Country:* England

*Cardinal point:*

*Region:*

*City:*

*Assigned Date:* s. XV<sup>med</sup>

*Searchable Date Range:* 1440 - 1460

*Dated by scribe:* No

*Inscribed Date:*

*Document:* No

*Number of Scribes:* ;

*Script:* Secretary

*Other Decoration:* On f. 1, C-shaped bar and foliage border in gold, green, blue and pink with black ink sprays terminating in green and gold balls. 2-line initials in blue with red flourishing; plain blue 1-line initials; blue paragraph marks; rubrics in red throughout. Contemporary side notes. On back flyleaf viii verso, a large trial calligraphic initial with faces.

*Notes:* Notes on front flyleaf vi verso and back flyleaf ix verso: "fol. inscript. s. 26" (?); on f. 1, "pr. 1 libr. 13 solidi 4 denarii." Latin

*Number of Texts:* 1

### Text 1: ff. 1-158, f. 158v blank

*Title:* Brut Chronicle

*Language(s):* English

*Incipit:* Here may a man here that England was first called Albion and thurgh whom it had the name, In the noble lande of Sirrie ther was a noble kyng and myghty and a man of grete renoune that me called Dioclisian

*Explicit:* And þan þe kyng entered in to þe toune and rested hym in the Castell tyll þe toune was sette in rewle and in gouernaunce.

*Notes:* On f. 156v, Continuation by a later hand: [A]nd anone after that Rone was goten depe and many other tounes in baase Normandie. . .[A]fter kyng henry the v regned henry his sone but A childe and not fully A yere olde whos regne begane the first day of septembre// F. W. D. Brie, ed., The Brut, or the Chronicles of England. EETS os 131 and 136 (London 1906-08) 1-391 through A.D. 1419 and the continuation, 491-97. See also F. W. D. Brie, Geschichte und Quellen der Mittelenglischen Prosachronik The Brute of England oder The Chronicles of England (Marburg 1905) 5, 63, 110-11. For a list of the manuscripts, see L. M. Matheson, "The Middle English Prose Brut: A Location List of the Manuscripts and Early Printed Editions," Analytical and Enumerative Bibliography 3 (1979) 254-66, including HM 136.

### Part 2: flyleaves + ff. 1-158v + flyleaves

*Description:* - Parchment - 190 x 286 mm

*Country:* England

*Cardinal point:*

*Region:*

*City:*

*Assigned Date:* s. XVI<sup>in</sup>

*Searchable Date Range:* 1500 - 1515

*Dated by scribe:* No

*Inscribed Date:*

*Document:* No

*Number of Scribes:*

*Notes:* Additions to the main text on flyleaves and in margins. Latin

*Number of Texts:* 9

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**Text 1:** f. ii verso

*Title:* Epitome of English History

*Language(s):* Latin

*Incipit:* Viribus armorum bastardus Willelmus agebat/ Ut rex Anglorum fieret quo iure volebat

*Notes:* Epitome of English history from William I to Henry VI in 17 rhyming couplets.

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**Text 2:** f. iv

*Title:* Oratio bruti ad dianam Brutus and Diana

*Language(s):* Latin

*Incipit:* Diva potens nemorum terror silvestribus apris

*Notes:* Followed by the Responsio diane ad brutum, Brute sub occasum solis trans gallica regna. See Hans Walther, *Initia carminum*, 4598.

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**Text 3:** f. iv

*Title:* Hortatory verse

*Language(s):* Latin

*Incipit:* Sede sedens ista iudex inflexibilis sta

*Notes:* 4 lines; Walther, *Initia* 17466 in reference to the story of Cambyses and the lawless judge; see, e.g., John Gower, *Confessio Amantis*, Book 7, vv. 2890 and ff.

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**Text 4:** f. iv

*Title:* Epitaphium henrici secundi regis Anglie Epitaph

*Language(s):* Latin

*Incipit:* Sufficit hic tumulus cui non suffecerat orbis

*Notes:* 10 lines; Walther, *Initia* 18695.

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**Text 5:** f. iv

*Title:* Epitaphium frederici imperatoris Epitaph

*Language(s):* Latin

*Incipit:* Si probitas sensus virtutis gratia census

*Notes:* 3 lines; Walther, *Initia* 17866 regarding Frederic II, of Hohenstaufen, Holy Roman Emperor.

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**Text 6:** f. iv

*Title:* Epitaph

*Language(s):* Latin

*Incipit:* Nullus in orbe fuit homo vivens nec valet esse

*Notes:* 4 lines; part of an epitaph of Edward I of England?

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**Text 7:** f. iv

*Title:* Epitaph

*Language(s):* Latin

*Incipit:* Funis cum lignis a te miser ensis et ignis/ hugo securis equus abstulit omne decus.

*Notes:* Regarding Hugh Spenser the younger?

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**Text 8:** ff. 83v-86, 102v-130

*Author:* John of Bridlington

*Title:* Notandum est enim quod principalis auctor huius prophetie hic in sequentibus in margine per singula folia scriptum fuit spiritus sanctus qui inspiravit omnia secundum ordinem sicut sunt scripta ab auctore secundo videlicet a Canonico regulari secundum communem opinionem vulgi Quam febribus infirmatus istos versus sequentes composuit. Per istos 12 versos sequentes ostenditur quomodo auctor iste Prophecy

*Language(s):* Latin

*Incipit:* Febribus infectus requies fuerat michi lectus

*Explicit:* Divine legis fiet meditatio regis//

*Notes:* Prophecy added in the lower margins; on f. 84, a commentary ("Et est sciendum quod sequens ista prophetia dividitur in tres partes vel distinctiones secundum quod auctor iste secundarius tres pausaciones facit et excusaciones de infirmitate capiti sui. . ."); on f. 130, the 17th and last line of this chapter cropped. T. Wright, *Political Poems and Songs relating to English History*. RS 14 (London 1859) 1:123-201; HM 136 lacks the last 4 chapters, nor does it contain the 6 verses of distinction 2, chapter 6 occurring, for example, in University of Chicago Library 697, as mentioned by P. Meyvaert, "John Erghome and the Vaticinium Roberti Bridlington," *Speculum* 41 (1966) 656-64, especially 661. See also M. J. Curley, "The Cloak of Anonymity and The Prophecy of John of Bridlington," *Modern Philology* 77 (1980) 361-69, with a list of the manuscripts, HM 136 not included.

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**Text 9:** f. ix

*Title:* Medical recipes

*Language(s):* Latin

*Incipit:* The medycyn off kyng henry the viiith for the pestelens wych hath helyd vxx persons

*Notes:* Three other receipes follow: For the colik & the stone. . .; For a mangle hors. . .; For to stanch blood. . .

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